

Program D: Pardon Board

Program Authorization: Article XIV of 1974 Louisiana Constitution; R.S. 15:572-574.1; R.S. 36:409; R.S. 15:1111; Hayes Williams, et al v. John McKeithen, et al CA 71-98-b (M.D. La.)

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The mission of the Pardon Board, whose five members are appointed by the governor and confirmed by the state senate, is to recommend clemency relief (that is, commutation of sentence, restoration of parole eligibility, pardon, and restoration of rights) for offenders who have shown that they have been rehabilitated and have been or can become law-abiding citizens. In taking these actions, especially when deliberations involve the amount of time a person will remain incarcerated, the board seeks to strike a balance between public safety and provision of an incentive for offenders who have no release dates. No recommendation is implemented until the governor signs the recommendation.

The goal of the Pardon Board is to continue to provide expeditious hearing and objective determination of applications for clemency.

OBJECTIVES AND PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

Unless otherwise indicated, all objectives are to be accomplished during or by the end of FY 2000-2001. Performance indicators are made up of two parts: name and value. The indicator name describes what is being measured. The indicator value is the numeric value or level achieved within a given measurement period. For budgeting purposes, performance indicator values are shown for the prior fiscal year, the current fiscal year, and alternative funding scenarios (continuation budget level and Executive Budget recommendation level) for the ensuing fiscal year (the fiscal year of the budget document).

The objectives and performance indicators that appear below are associated with program funding in the Base Executive Budget for FY 2000-01. Specific information on program funding is presented in the financial sections that follow performance tables.

1. (KEY) To provide timely hearings and objectively review and make recommendations on applications for clemency.

Strategic Link: This operational objective is related to the following program strategic objectives: Strategic Objective I.1 (*To conduct timely hearings annually.*); and Strategic Objective I.2 (*To objectively review and make recommendations on applications for clemency annually*).

Explanatory Note: Rule 3, relative to the discretionary powers of the board, states that the Board of Pardons may deny any applicant a hearing for any of the following reasons: serious nature of the offense; insufficient time served on sentence; insufficient time after release; proximity of parole/good time date; institutional disciplinary reports; probation/parole-unsatisfactory/violated; past criminal record; or any other factor determined by the board.

LEVEL	PERFORMANCE INDICATOR NAME	PERFORMANCE INDICATOR VALUES					
		YEAREND PERFORMANCE STANDARD FY 1998-1999	ACTUAL YEAREND PERFORMANCE FY 1998-1999	ACT 10 PERFORMANCE STANDARD FY 1999-2000	EXISTING PERFORMANCE STANDARD FY 1999-2000	AT CONTINUATION BUDGET LEVEL FY 2000-2001	AT RECOMMENDED BUDGET LEVEL FY 2000-2001
K	Number of case hearings	Not applicable ¹	162	Not applicable ¹	162 ¹	162	162
S	Number of applications received	Not applicable ¹	434	Not applicable ¹	434 ¹	434	434
S	Total number of cases - Rule 3 (denied)	Not applicable ¹	200	Not applicable ¹	200 ¹	200	200
S	Total number of cases - Rule 3 (granted)	Not applicable ¹	192	Not applicable ¹	192 ¹	192	192

¹ This is a new performance indicator. It did not appear under Act 19 of 1998 or Act 10 of 1999 and has no performance standards for FY 1998-99 and FY 1999-00. The value shown for existing performance standard is an estimate not a standard.

GENERAL PERFORMANCE INFORMATION: PARDON BOARD

PERFORMANCE INDICATOR	PRIOR YEAR ACTUAL FY 1994-95	PRIOR YEAR ACTUAL FY 1995-96	PRIOR YEAR ACTUAL FY 1996-97	PRIOR YEAR ACTUAL FY 1997-98	PRIOR YEAR ACTUAL FY 1998-99
Number of case hearings	396	332	446	273	162
Number of cases recommended to the Governor	264	251	100	67	26
Number of cases approved by the Governor	89	333	0	0	26

RESOURCE ALLOCATION FOR THE PROGRAM

	ACTUAL 1998-1999	ACT 10 1999- 2000	EXISTING 1999- 2000	CONTINUATION 2000 - 2001	RECOMMENDED 2000 - 2001	RECOMMENDED OVER/(UNDER) EXISTING
MEANS OF FINANCING:						
STATE GENERAL FUND (Direct)	\$299,285	\$309,969	\$309,969	\$315,056	\$320,375	\$10,406
STATE GENERAL FUND BY:						
Interagency Transfers	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fees & Self-gen. Revenues	0	0	0	0	0	0
Statutory Dedications	0	0	0	0	0	0
Interim Emergency Board	0	0	0	0	0	0
FEDERAL FUNDS	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL MEANS OF FINANCING	\$299,285	\$309,969	\$309,969	\$315,056	\$320,375	\$10,406
EXPENDITURES & REQUEST:						
Salaries	\$211,363	\$245,590	\$245,590	\$247,415	\$246,368	\$778
Other Compensation	23,238	0	0	0	0	0
Related Benefits	38,953	48,780	48,780	49,030	55,708	6,928
Total Operating Expenses	19,424	15,599	15,599	15,911	15,599	0
Professional Services	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Other Charges	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Acq. & Major Repairs	6,307	0	0	2,700	2,700	2,700
TOTAL EXPENDITURES AND REQUEST	\$299,285	\$309,969	\$309,969	\$315,056	\$320,375	\$10,406
AUTHORIZED FULL-TIME EQUIVALENTS: Classified	2	2	2	2	1	(1)
Unclassified	5	5	5	5	5	0
TOTAL	7	7	7	7	6	(1)

SOURCE OF FUNDING

This program is funded entirely with State General Fund.

ANALYSIS OF RECOMMENDATION

GENERAL FUND	TOTAL	T.O.	DESCRIPTION
\$309,969	\$309,969	7	ACT 10 FISCAL YEAR 1999-2000
			BA-7 TRANSACTIONS:
\$0	\$0	0	None
\$309,969	\$309,969	7	EXISTING OPERATING BUDGET – December 3, 1999
\$1,049	\$1,049	0	Annualization of FY 1999-2000 Classified State Employees Merit Increase
\$1,026	\$1,026	0	Classified State Employees Merit Increases for FY 2000-2001
\$1,480	\$1,480	0	State Employee Retirement Rate Adjustment
\$2,700	\$2,700	0	Acquisitions & Major Repairs
\$28,569	\$28,569	0	Salary Base Adjustment
(\$24,418)	(\$24,418)	(1)	Personnel Reductions
\$320,375	\$320,375	6	TOTAL RECOMMENDED
\$0	\$0	0	LESS GOVERNOR'S SUPPLEMENTARY RECOMMENDATIONS
\$320,375	\$320,375	6	BASE EXECUTIVE BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 2000-2001
			SUPPLEMENTARY RECOMMENDATIONS CONTINGENT ON SALES TAX RENEWAL:
\$0	\$0	0	None
\$0	\$0	0	TOTAL SUPPLEMENTARY RECOMMENDATIONS CONTINGENT ON SALES TAX RENEWAL
			SUPPLEMENTARY RECOMMENDATIONS CONTINGENT ON NEW REVENUE:
\$0	\$0	0	None
\$0	\$0	0	TOTAL SUPPLEMENTARY RECOMMENDATIONS CONTINGENT ON NEW REVENUE
\$320,375	\$320,375	6	GRAND TOTAL RECOMMENDED

The total means of financing for this program is recommended at 103.4% of the existing operating budget. It represents 93.5% of the total request (\$342,818) for this program. The personnel reduction is due to the elimination of one (1) vacant position. The elimination of this vacant position along with the salary base adjustment is recommended to provide the necessary adjustments needed to fully fund the 6 recommended positions.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

This program does not have funding for Professional Services for Fiscal Year 2000-2001.

TOTAL PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

OTHER CHARGES

This program does not have funding for Other Charges for Fiscal Year 2000-2001.

ACQUISITIONS AND MAJOR REPAIRS

\$2,700 Replacement of various pieces of office equipment

\$2,700 TOTAL ACQUISITIONS AND MAJOR REPAIRS